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1. Prior to late March 1951, Volkspolizei Dienststelle (VPD) 1321 in Prora (N 55/ P 76) was located in the North and South Camps on the east coast of Ruegen Island, near Prora. The two camps are about 1 km apart and are on the east side of the Binz-Sassnitz road.
2. The VPD numbered about 1,800 police. During the period from 1 January to the end of March 1951, eight recruiting officers of the unit enlisted 180 new police from Ruegen Island and from the Greifswald-Eggesin area. Most of the new volunteers were evacuees from Polish-occupied Germany.
3. The VPD was organized into 3 infantry Kommandos, 1 artillery Kommando and 7 Sonderabteilungen. Each Kommando consisted of 5 Abteilungen and had about 280 police although the authorized strength is 480 police. Each Sonderabteilung had 60 to 70 police, and its authorized strength is 100 police. The seven Sonderabteilungen included an engineer, a signal, a reconnaissance, an AAA, an AT artillery, an artillery and an armored unit.
4. The officers of the unit included VP Inspekteur Pilz, (fnu), commanding officer, who went over to the Soviets during the war and is a friend of HVA Chief VP Generalinspekteur Hoffmann; VP Kommandeur Franke, (fnu), director of training; VP Kommandeur Mansfeld, (fnu), motor transport officer; VP Oberrat Klinke, (fnu), PK officer; VP Oberrat Roehr, (fnu), training officer of the infantry Kommandos; VP Oberrat Putlick, (fnu), chief of staff; VP Oberrat Konzebler, (fnu), administrative officer; VP Oberrat Hopp, (fnu), liaison officer to the SSD; VP Rat Vierkant, (fnu), SED secretary; VP Oberkommissar Jansen, (fnu), FDJ secretary; and three Soviet instructors, one holding the rank of VP Kommandeur and the two others the rank of VP Oberrat.
5. Each Gruppe of the 1st through 3d Abteilung of every infantry Kommando was equipped with 1 model 44 submachine gun, 2 light machine guns, 1 rapid-fire rifle, and 5 model 98-K or Soviet model 38 carbines. The 4th Abteilung had 6 or 7 heavy Maxim machine guns. The 5th Abteilung consisted of a signal Zug, an engineer Zug and a medium mortar Zug.
6. The VPD was equipped with two T-34 tanks, a Soviet armored reconnaissance car, a 76.2-mm AT gun, and an 88-mm AA gun of older type of construction. Several Soviet field guns were allegedly stored in the former festival hall of the South Camp.

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7. After completion of the first phase of training, from 2 January to 16 March 1951, the police received indoctrination on Soviet infantry tactics.

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